

Christmas Candlelight Collective

Sunday Dec 13, 2026 - 5:00 and 7:00

Dress Rehearsal - Thursday Dec 10 from 7:00-9:00

WHY SING IN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR?

I can think of a dozen reasons, but I'll limit it to 3: great people, great music, great God!

Great People

I've been leading choirs for 38 years and I can say, without a doubt, this choir is one of the finest groups of people I've ever been around. They care deeply for one another, work very hard, and have a wonderful sense of humor. We have a LOT of fun in choir! If you're new to Mt Zion and are still trying to make connections within the congregation, the choir is really a great place to start.

Great Music

I keep my eyes open year round for the best music for our choir to sing. I try and look for a good mix of styles and tempos, but most importantly, I choose music that exalts and magnifies Jesus.

Great God

Our annual Candlelight service is about an hour long and is intended to be a worship service – not a choir concert. We generally do 20-25 minutes of Choral music and 20-25 minutes of congregational music. Quentin also does a gospel presentation. From beginning to end, my aim is to show our congregation who God is and what he does, and then to respond with celebration and worship.

ARE YOU STILL READING?

If you're still reading this, I'm going to take that as a good sign, and tell you about our 3 prong approach to learning the Christmas music: *Weekly Rehearsals*, *Crash Courses*, and *Rehearsal Tracks*. It's important to know that EACH of these prongs are important, and while it's possible that you might be able to “get by” without all three, your best chance at being a well prepared instrument for God's glory and for enjoying the Christmas Choir experience is to commit to all 3 (the best that you can).

WEEKLY REHEARSALS

We will rehearse every Sunday afternoon (except Labor Day weekend) from August 2 through December 6. Each month the Sunday afternoon rehearsals get a little longer. The Weekly Worship Choir starts at 4:30 (and ends at 5:55), but the Christmas Choir rehearsal start time is graduated throughout the fall. The schedule of starting times is below. Also, note that we will do prayer requests starting ten minutes before Christmas Choir. For example we will start prayer requests at 5:30 in August.

SCHEDULE

August 2nd through August 30th - 5:40 (prayer 5:30)

September 13th through September 27th - 5:25 (prayer 5:15)

October 4th – October 25th - 5:10 (prayer 5:00)

November 1st – November 22nd - 4:55 (prayer 4:45)

November 29th – Dec 6th – 4:30

CHRISTMAS CHOIR CRASH COURSE

Each Crash Course begins in the FLC at 6:00 with supper. The church provides sandwiches, chips, drinks and then desserts are optional to bring for anyone that would like to. They are Friday nights from 6:00-8:30. These rehearsals are SUPER productive and make a huge difference in learning the music. Here are the dates:

Christmas Choir Crash Course Dates

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

REHEARSAL TRACKS

In addition to weekly rehearsals and crash courses, we have 3 different options for listening to the demonstration tracks as well as REHEARSAL TRACKS with your individual part highlighted. These can help a lot - especially when working on memorization.

I will make 3 options available to you. I am hopeful that they will be complete by our first Crash Course (Aug 14).

Dropbox folder

Youtube playlists

CD's (not many people use this option so I only make them by request)

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope that you will consider joining us for Christmas Choir. Who knows, you might enjoy it so much that when January comes around you become a year round member (it has happened)! If you're interested please let me know. I'd love to hear from you! If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask. I'm happy to help in whatever way I can.

Soli Deo Gloria,

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